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REBEL'S REPORT

OPERATIVES:

Jyn Erso has been dispatched with rebel intelligence officer Cassian Andor to retrieve the target.

JYN ERSO

CAPTAIN CASSIAN ANDOR

MISSION:

Extract Imperial defector Bodhi Rook from the stronghold of rebel extremist Saw Gerrera.

BODHI ROOK

SAW GERRERA

NOTES:

Rook has information on Galen Erso, father of Jyn Erso and Imperial research scientist on the "Planet Killer" project.

GALEN ERSO

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LAH'MU,
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...
JYN, MY CHILD. COME, COME.
WE HAVE A LONG RIDE AHEAD OF US...

JEDHA,
NOW...
I SWEAR, IT'S TRUE. IT'S ALL TRUE. PLEASE...
BOR GULLET CAN *FEEL* YOUR THOUGHTS.
NO LIE IS SAFE.
BOR GULLET WILL KNOW THE TRUTH.
WHAT HAVE YOU *REALLY* BROUGHT ME, CARGO PILOT?

AAAAAAAAAH!
"WILL YOUR DROID ACTUALLY STAY WITH THE SHIP?"

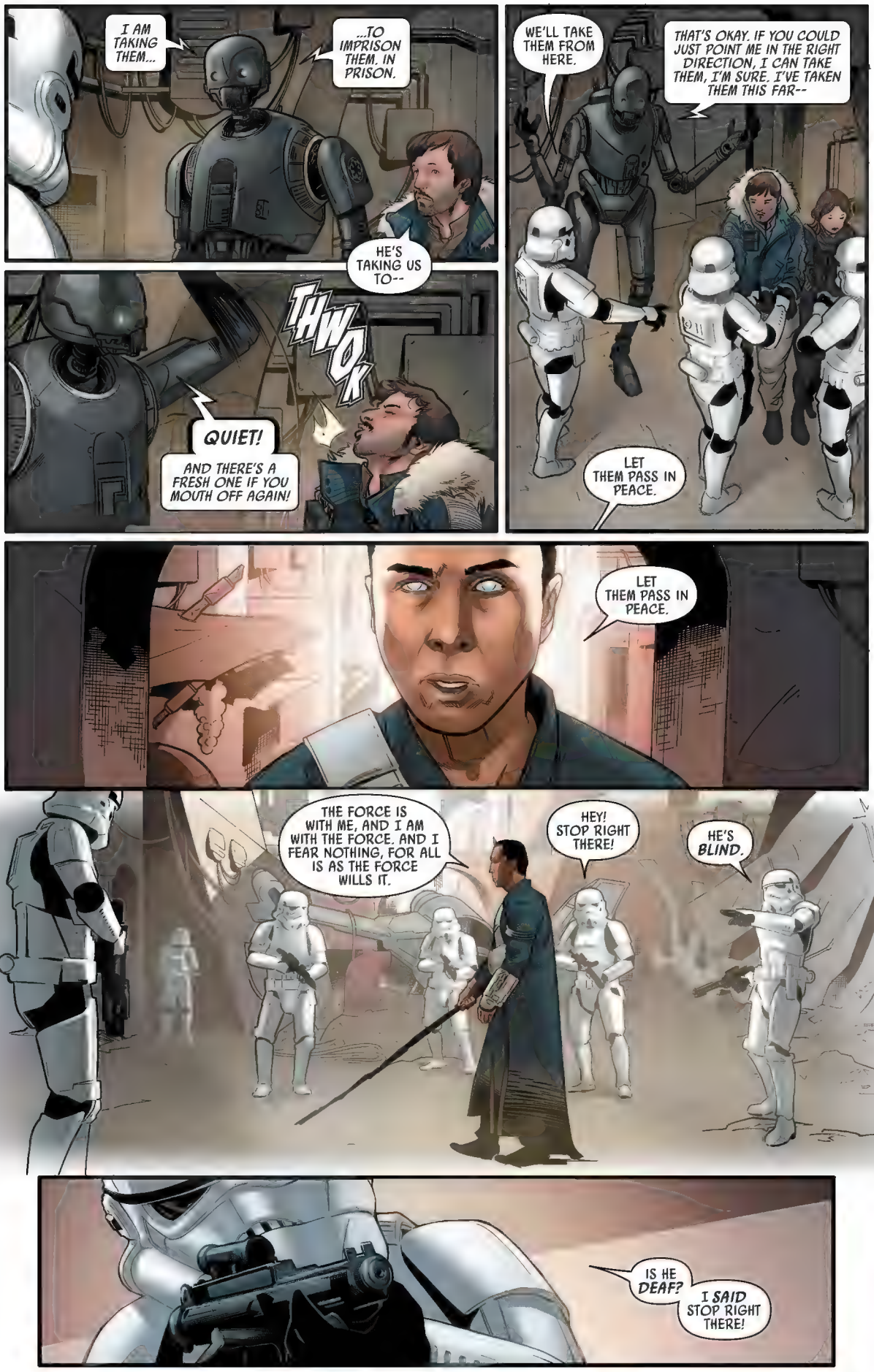
K-2SO IS LOYAL, EVEN IF HE'S DIFFICULT.
THAT ISN'T ACTUALLY AN ANSWER, CAPTAIN ANDOR.
I HAVE MORE REASON TO TRUST HIM THAN YOU.
IS THAT A BETTER ANSWER, JYN?
I HAD A CONTACT, ONE OF SAW'S REBELS, BUT HE'S JUST GONE MISSING. HIS SISTER WILL BE LOOKING FOR HIM.
THE TEMPLE'S BEEN DESTROYED, BUT SHE'LL BE THERE WAITING. WE'LL GIVE HER YOUR NAME AND HOPE THAT GETS US A MEETING WITH SAW.
"HOPE"?!
REBELLIONS ARE BUILT ON HOPE.
IS THIS ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR PILOT?
MAY THE FORCE OF OTHERS BE WITH YOU.

WAIT FOR ME.
MAY THE FORCE OF OTHERS BE WITH YOU.
WOULD YOU TRADE THAT NECKLACE FOR A GLIMPSE INTO YOUR FUTURE?
YES, I'M SPEAKING TO YOU.
I'M CHIRRUT ÎMWE.
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS WEARING A NECKLACE?
FOR THAT ANSWER YOU MUST PAY.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF KYBER CRYSTALS?
MY FATHER--HE SAID THEY POWERED THE JEDI LIGHTSABERS.
JYN. COME ON. LET'S GO.
THE STRONGEST STARS HAVE HEARTS OF KYBER.
IGNORE THEM. THIS WAY.

WHO ARE THEY?
THE GUARDIANS OF THE WHILLS. PROTECTORS OF THE KYBER TEMPLE.
BUT THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO PROTECT, SO NOW THEY'RE JUST CAUSING TROUBLE FOR EVERYBODY.
FWUMP
GET DOWN!

BOOOOOM
THANKS.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WASN'T ME?
YEAH.
OF COURSE, KAYTOO!
HALT. STOP RIGHT THERE.
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THESE PRISONERS?
THESE ARE PRISONERS.
YES. WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THEM?


I AM TAKING THEM...
...TO IMPRISON THEM. IN PRISON.
HE'S TAKING US TO--
THWOK
QUIET!
AND THERE'S A FRESH ONE IF YOU MOUTH OFF AGAIN!
WE'LL TAKE THEM FROM HERE.
THAT'S OKAY. IF YOU COULD JUST POINT ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, I CAN TAKE THEM, I'M SURE. I'VE TAKEN THEM THIS FAR--
LET THEM PASS IN PEACE.
LET THEM PASS IN PEACE.
THE FORCE IS WITH ME, AND I AM WITH THE FORCE. AND I FEAR NOTHING, FOR ALL IS AS THE FORCE WILLS IT.
HEY! STOP RIGHT THERE!
HE'S BLIND.
IS HE DEAF?
I SAID STOP RIGHT THERE!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
YOU'RE WELCOME, CHIRRUT.

CASSIAN, I'M SORRY ABOUT THE SLAP.
GO BACK TO THE SHIP. WAIT FOR MY CALL.
IS HE A JEDI?
NO JEDI ANYMORE. ONLY DREAMERS LIKE THIS FOOL.
THE FORCE DID PROTECT ME.
I PROTECTED YOU.
CAN YOU GET US TO SAW GERRERA?
ANYONE WHO KILLS ME OR MY FRIENDS WILL ANSWER TO SAW GERRERA!
And why is that?
BECAUSE SAW KNOWS ME.
BECAUSE I WAS FIGHTING AT HIS SIDE WHEN MOST OF YOU WERE STILL COWERING IN YOUR HOMES.
BECAUSE I AM THE DAUGHTER OF GALEN ERSO.
Take them.

LATER...
"ARE YOU THE PILOT?
"HEY, HEY--ARE YOU THE PILOT?"
THE SHUTTLE PILOT?
PILOT?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
GALEN ERSO. YOU KNOW THAT NAME?
I BROUGHT THE MESSAGE.
I'M THE PILOT.
I'M THE PILOT. I'M THE PILOT.
OKAY, GOOD.
NOW, WHERE IS GALEN ERSO?

JYN? IS IT REALLY YOU?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
MUST BE QUITE A SURPRISE.
ARE WE NOT STILL FRIENDS?
THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU, YOU GAVE ME A KNIFE AND A LOADED BLASTER AND TOLD ME TO WAIT IN A BUNKER UNTIL DAYLIGHT.
I KNEW YOU WERE SAFE.
YOU LEFT ME BEHIND.
YOU WERE ALREADY THE BEST SOLDIER IN MY CADRE.
I WAS SIXTEEN.
I WAS PROTECTING YOU.

"YOU WERE THE DAUGHTER OF AN IMPERIAL SCIENCE OFFICER. PEOPLE WERE STARTING TO FIGURE THAT OUT.
"PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO--TO USE YOU AS A HOSTAGE. NOT A DAY GOES BY I DON'T THINK OF YOU.
"IT'S A TRAP, ISN'T IT? THE PILOT, THE MESSAGE. ALL OF IT.
"DID *THEY* SEND YOU? HAVE YOU COME HERE TO KILL ME?
"THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT."

THEY WANTED AN INTRODUCTION, THEY'VE GOT IT. I'M OUT NOW. THE REST OF YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT.
YOU CARE NOT ABOUT THE CAUSE?
THE CAUSE? SERIOUSLY?
THE SOLDIER I TRAINED WAS A TRUE BELIEVER. YOU SAW OUR ENEMY WITH UNCLOUDED EYES.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GIRL WHO WAS WILLING TO DIE FOR THE REBELLION?
THE ALLIANCE? THE REBELS? WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE CALLING YOURSELVES THESE DAYS?
ALL IT'S EVER BROUGHT ME IS PAIN.
YOU CAN STAND TO SEE THE IMPERIAL FLAG REIGN ACROSS THE GALAXY?
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM IF YOU DON'T LOOK UP.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU. COME.

"THE EMPEROR IS AWAITING MY REPORT."
THE DEATH STAR.
IN ORBIT OVER JEDHA.
ONE HAD HOPED THAT HE AND LORD VADER MIGHT HAVE BEEN HERE FOR SUCH AN OCCASION, GOVERNOR TARKIN.
AND I THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO SAVE YOU FROM ANY POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT.
YOUR CONCERN IS HARDLY WARRANTED. THE FINEST SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS IN THE EMPIRE HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO THIS PROJECT.
YOU WILL NOT FIND OUR FAITH IN THEM MISPLACED.
IF SAYING IT WOULD ONLY MAKE IT SO, DIRECTOR KRENNIC.
PROTOCOL 13 COMPLETE. ALL IMPERIAL FORCES HAVE BEEN EVACUATED, AND I STAND READY TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE MOON.
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.
WE NEED A STATEMENT, NOT A MANIFESTO.
THE HOLY CITY WILL BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
TARGET JEDHA CITY. PREPARE SINGLE REACTOR IGNITION.

THIS IS THE MESSAGE I WAS SENT...
SAW, IF YOU'RE WATCHING THIS, THEN PERHAPS THERE IS A CHANCE TO SAVE THE ALLIANCE.
PERHAPS THERE'S A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN MYSELF.
AND, THOUGH I DON'T DARE HOPE FOR TOO MUCH, A CHANCE FOR JYN, IF SHE'S ALIVE, IF YOU CAN POSSIBLY FIND HER...
...TO LET HER KNOW THAT MY LOVE FOR HER HAS NEVER FADED AND HOW DESPERATELY I'VE MISSED HER.
JYN, MY STARDUST, I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT YOU THINK OF ME.
"WHEN I WAS TAKEN, I FACED SOME BITTER TRUTHS. I WAS TOLD THAT, SOON ENOUGH, KRENNIC WOULD HAVE YOU AS WELL.
"AS TIME WENT BY, I KNEW THAT YOU WERE EITHER DEAD OR SO WELL HIDDEN THAT HE WOULD NEVER FIND YOU.

"I KNEW IF I REFUSED TO WORK, IF I TOOK MY OWN LIFE, IT WOULD ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE KRENNIC REALIZED HE NO LONGER NEEDED ME TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.
"SO I DID THE ONE THING THAT NOBODY EXPECTED-- I LIED. I LEARNED TO LIE."
I PLAYED THE PART OF A BEATEN MAN RESIGNED TO THE SANCTUARY OF HIS WORK. I MADE MYSELF INDISPENSABLE.
AND ALL THE WHILE I LAID THE GROUNDWORK OF MY REVENGE.
"WE CALL IT THE DEATH STAR. THERE IS NO BETTER NAME. AND THE DAY IS COMING SOON WHEN IT WILL BE UNLEASHED.
"I'VE PLACED A FLAW DEEP WITHIN THE SYSTEM. A SCAR SO SMALL AND POWERFUL, THEY'LL NEVER FIND IT.
"JYN, IF YOU'RE LISTENING... MY BELOVED, SO MUCH OF MY LIFE HAS BEEN WASTED.
"I TRY TO THINK OF YOU ONLY IN THE MOMENTS WHEN I'M STRONG, BECAUSE THE PAIN OF NOT HAVING YOU WITH ME...
"YOUR MOTHER. OUR FAMILY. THE PAIN OF THAT LOSS IS SO OVERWHELMING I RISK FAILING EVEN NOW.
"IT'S JUST SO HARD NOT TO THINK OF YOU. THINK OF WHERE YOU ARE. MY STARDUST.

"SAW, THE REACTOR SYSTEM, THAT'S THE KEY. THAT'S THE PLACE I'VE LAID MY TRAP.
"IT'S UNSTABLE, SO ONE BLAST TO ANY PART OF IT WILL DESTROY THE ENTIRE STATION.
"YOU'LL NEED THE PLANS, THE STRUCTURAL PLANS OF THE DEATH STAR, TO FIND THE REACTOR.
"I KNOW THERE'S A COMPLETE ENGINEERING ARCHIVE IN THE DATA VAULT AT THE CITADEL TOWER ON SCARIF."
RRRRUUUUUUUMMMMMMMBLLLLLE
ANY PRESSURIZED EXPLOSION TO THE REACTOR MODULE WILL SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION THAT WILL DESTROY THE ENTIRE STATION.
RRRRUUUUUUUMMMMMMMBLLLLLE
TO BE CONTINUED...

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